Sinclair Broadcasting's action to compel their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a frightening reminder of the dangers of media consolidation and abuse of the airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, our democracy is compromised and ultimately damaged.

Sinclair's actions show why we must strengthen media ownership rules, and are a clear example of how weakened those rules have become. They show why the license renewal process absolutely must involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.